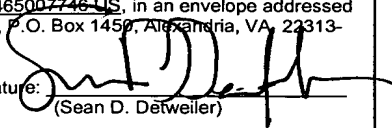


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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Applicant hereby petitions for a three-month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including December 8, 2004.

In response to the Office Action dated June 8, 2004 (Paper No. 10), and the Advisory Action dated November 29, 2004, entry of the below amendments, consideration of the remarks provided, and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.